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ODE TO PANAMA.

The Oregonian dispatches stated that Bona-Varilla had been admitted at Washington as a representative of his country, and that J. P. Morgan had agreed to finance Panama to the extent of \$300,000.

Senior Don Bona-Varilla
Name suggestive of Manila
Likewise succulent vanilla
Comes to Washington
As envoy extraordinary
And plenipotentiary
Minister from where the merry
Scrap's been going on.

And in spite of all the "hollers"
"Bony" can afford high collars
For in dough his country "wallers"
Money's theirs in chunks
Since his "uncle," J. Pierp. Morgan
Notwithstanding he's a Gorgon
Says he'll part (see morning organ)
Up a wad of plunks.

"Vive la, Panama!" we'll cry
Watch the small republic try
Knocking out Colombia's eye
May she prove a winner
Morgan's told you, what he'd do
From this time its up to you
Uncle Sam will see you through
Or else I'm a sinner.

—Prof. Dennie.

The dispatches state that owing to shortage of cars on the Southern Pacific, The Booth-Kelly Co., the largest firm manufacturing lumber in the state, have closed their logging camps, throwing thousands of men out of work and stopping a payroll of \$30,000. Two of their four mills are shut down and the others will close as soon as logs on hand are cut. This is a sad condition of affairs and one that will be felt throughout Southern Oregon. It would seem that Oregon needs more railroads built by new blood.

The general business situation is sound, says Henry Clews. A conservative disposition is shown elsewhere, and this is an important safeguard. On the stock exchange the outlook is conflicting. Conditions are growing intrinsically better; and, though spells of liquidation seem imminent, still the market shows stronger resisting qualities and more rallying power when occasion permits.

The acquittal of M. A. Moody was not unexpected. He had three attorneys in the case, Judge Belling, Judge Pipes and his brother, Ralph Moody. Under the circumstances, there could have been no other result. It is the opinion of The Astorian that Mr. Moody would have been acquitted before an unprejudiced court, and it certainly would have been more creditable if he had.

Nebraska is in the swim. U. S. Senator Dietrich has been indicted for conspiracy and bribery. Postmaster Jacob Fisher, of Hastings, is also indicted along with the senator. Both charge political machinations, which seems to be the fashion now-a-days.

It is an old saying that "what is one's loss is another's gain." If conditions continue so that interior lumber concerns are prohibited from doing business, it should help those of ports adjacent to waterways. What is the matter with Astoria?

Kid Broad, one of the delightful old "has beens" in the pugilistic art, was put out of shape the other night by Jimmy Briggs, of Boston. Along with come some other pug and do business with Jimmy.

Senator Fulton will be assigned to good places, being promised a place on

each of the committees on irrigation and expositions. This is a good representation for a new man.

Chicago's street car strike is assuming a very grave aspect. The governor has refused to call out the militia. The police are having a difficult time to preserve order.

As was expected, the Oregon Bar Association refused to consider an old quarrel between Attorney-General Crawford and a former partner.

Astoria people should buy the product of Astoria's energy. Buy from the home merchant, the home manufacturer.

Adelina Patti has been sued for \$100. Mme. is not so hard up as one would think—only a difference of opinion over an account.

BLOOD CIRCULATION.

Breathing and Its Relation to the Secret of Good Health.

The secret of health, as every intelligent physician knows, is free and full circulation of the blood, and this circulation is dependent absolutely on thorough oxygenation. In many cases where erroneous habits of living have been so long continued that congestion has become chronic in one shape or another—obesity, gout, rheumatism, constipation or tuberculosis having camped in the system and crippled the patient is not apt to be in a condition to readily assimilate a sufficient quantity of oxygen direct from the atmosphere. The breathing apparatus must first be properly developed, so that the patient shall be able to gradually increase the supply of air to the system, until at last he recovers the normal power of deep breathing.

With the building up of the lungs through proper breathing there is a metabolism of all the tissues and organs, so that, for most men, breathing exercises are more important than any mere muscular exercise. Not only the lungs, but all the internal organs are brought into play by correct breathing. It develops the heart, stomach, liver and kidneys directly and indirectly and nourishes all these organs as they should be nourished by more blood and better blood in constant and regular circulation. Breathing, therefore, is a sovereign remedy for our national disease of nervous depletion. It might well replace the countless tonics, stimulants and anodynes now so commonly resorted to, where results are nothing less than tragic in thousands of cases. —Maurice Manning, M. D., in Vim.

Mohammedans and Pigs.
A recent traveler in Somaliland gives the following curious incident showing the Mohammedan hatred for pigs: "We shot two wart hogs, one a particularly big boar. Alan wished to keep the tusks, but of course none of the Somalis would touch the unclean animal. At last a bribe of 2 rupees induced the Midjan woman to chop the tusks out with a hatchet. Even then she would not touch them and with the help of two sticks, which she used like a pair of tongs, put them on a camel. Then there was a long dispute about the hatchet. No one would touch it. It had been defiled. Of course this was pure affectation and playing to the gallery on the ayah's part. At home with her native tribe she would have gorged all the pig she could get. But it flattered the Somalis, and we marched off, the ayah holding the hatchet at arm's length as if it were going to bite her."

Lore of the Clover.
Any one who carries about a four leaved clover will be lucky and will have the power of discovering ghosts or evil spirits. With it under the pillow the lover may insure dreams of the beloved one. A fragment in the shoe of a traveler insures a safe journey. Of the five leaved clover it is declared that if it be worn on the left side of a maiden's dress or fastened behind the ball door the Christian name of the first man who enters will be the same as that of the future husband. The power of the four leaved shamrock for good is familiar to all, from Lover's once popular and pretty song, the speaker in which pictures what she would do should she find the magic plant:
I would play the enchanter's part and scatter bliss around.
And not a tear or aching heart should in the world be found.
—London Globe.

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